Crude Oil Import

712. SHRIRAJEEVSHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of crude oil imported during the last three years, year-wise to meet domestic requirements;

(b) the details of the surveys conducted for exploring the possibility of availability of oil in various parts of the country during the above period; and

(c) what is the outcome of each survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MJNISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRISANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The quantity of crude oil imported during the last three years is given below:

1999-2000	57,805 TMT
2000-2001	74,097 TMT
2001-2002	78,706 TMT

TMT: thousand metric tonnes.

(b) The detaHs of surveys conducted by Directorate General of Hydrocarbon (DGH) and private/JV companies for exploration in various parts of the country during the last three years are as under:

Year	Seismic Survey	
	2D line kilometer	3D sq. Kilometer
1999-2000	4013	1141
2000-2001	9929	2589
2001-2002	28282	6868

(c) As a result of surveys carried out by DGH during 2000-01 and 2001 -02, 9 deep water offshore blocks were identified & carved out and were offered under third round of NELP and many other blocks will get offered in the subsequent rounds of bidding. Similarly, private/JV

companies drilled 27 exploratory wells on various prospects identified based on the surveys conducted by them.

Exploration of New Sources for Oil Export

713. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a contingent plan to tap the new sources of gas and oiJ export in the international market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said plan contains any provision for augmenting the domestic production in this sector; and

(d) if, so the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Several steps have been taken to increase oil and gas production in the country and tap oil reserves abroad, which include the following:

(i) to improve the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/lmproved Oil Recovery (lOR) schemes; in particular Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has taken up 15 fields for this purpose at an estimated investment of Rs. 10,000 crore, which would also help in accelerating oil production from these fields.

(ii) to increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). Under the first and second rounds of NELP, Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) have been signed for 47 blocks. Offer of 27 exploration blocks under NELP-III was also announced in March 2002 and a total of 45 bids for 23 Blocks has been received by the bid closing date i.e. 28.8.2002.

(lii) to explore kin new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas, as also explore in the deeper layers of the producing fields.

(iv) to develop faster the newly Discovered fields and to step up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stin^lation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas.